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A FAMOUS VICTORY

OBTAINED

by the Citizens of *Coventry*, and the Parliaments Forces, under the Command of the Lord *Brooks*, and colonell *Hambden*, against the Kings Army, *August* 22. Read in the House of *Commons* upon Wednesday, *being the* 24. *of August*.

Declaring the manner of the meeting of the two Armies, the Parliaments forces slaying above 80. Cavaleers, with little losse, and taking captain *Legge* and others *prisoners, with two pieces of Ordnance, divers Waggons, and great store of Ammunition, putting the whole Army of cavaleers to flight.*

Also the manner of His Majesties forces blowing open the Gates, and how the city was preserved by throwing their Houshold stuffe into the streets, to keep out the horse and divers of the Cavaleers being slaine thereby.

Ordered that this be forthwith printed and published

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A famous Victory obtained by the Trained Band of Coventry against the Cavaleers, August 22.

VPon Wednesday the 24. of Austust, information was given to the honourable House of Commons, of all such eminent passages that hath happened since his Majesty came to *Coventry*, viz. That on Saturday last about 9. of the clock in the morning, with an Army consisting of about 17. or 1800. Horse, his Majesty came to *Coventry*, which were the only strength of all his forces that came with him out of *Yorkshire*.

And the Citisens of Coventry having intelligence of drawing neer the said City with a great army, every man that bore arms in the city, together with about 500. of the trained Bands of the

County presently put themselves into a posture of defence, resolving to spend their lives for the King and Parliament, and in maintenance of the Lawes of the Kingdom, Whereupon the Major and divers of the Aldermen and chief Commanders in the City, met his Majesty at the Gates therof, and shewed their dutifull respect to His Majesty, proffering their service at His feet, expressing their earnest desire to acommodate His Majesty in the maintaining of his just Rights and Prerogative, offering His Majesty free entercourse into the City with a compleat Guard for the safety of His Royall Person. But he demanded entrance with His whole Army, and caused the Proclamation to be read, proclaiming them traytors that should oppose him therin. But the Cavaleers being impatient of any delay, thinking to have had present admittance made presently an attempt to enter the Gate, but quickly were driven back, and the Gate shut against them. At which his Maj. seemed to be very much moved, and

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after ſome conſultation with his General and other Commanders, they planted ſix pieces of Ordnance againſt the Gate, and plaid upon it all that day, the Cavaleers thretning to fire the town, or beat it down about their ears, if it were not preſently rendred up. But the Citiſens hearing that ſome forces from the Parliament were repairing thither to aid and aſſiſt them were reſolved to ſtand it out, although they had not above 3. pieces of Ordnance in the town, and thoſe were unmounted This day being far ſpent, his Majeſty repaired to a Knights houſe neer *Dunſmore* about 4. miles from *Coventry*, and on Sonday morning the Cavaleers began againe to play upon the Gates of the citty, and drove open the South-Gate thereof, and began to march into the city, not doubting but to make a prey therof, thinking it impoſſible to be withſtood; yet wee may ſee Gods wonderfull hand of providence towards us in ſtirring up the ſouldiers within the city with ſuch courage, and true affection to the *Parliament*,

That

That at the first entrance of the cavaleers into the Gate they welcommed them with such a voley of shot, that 7. of them were slain, and many more of them hurt, whereupon they were forced to retreat, & the women and others that were unfit to fight, brought a bundance of houshold stuffe, as tables, stools, and other lumber, and threw them in the street, which quickly made the way unpassable, so that the horsemen durst not sally any more into the town, but played upon it with Canon and sometimes came riding up to the walls therof.

The L. *Brooks*, Col. *Hollis*, Col. *Hambden*, Col. *Fines*, and Col. *Goodwyn*, with their Regiments, both of horse and foot, having intelligence hereof (being at *Banbury*) marched towards Coventry with all speed, and the Kings Army fearing that they would fall on the backs of them, presently raised their forces from against Coventry, carrying their Ordnance with them, and came to meet the Parliaments Forces, which met on Monday last about

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8. of the clocg in the morning uprn Dunſmore Heath, about 4. miles on this ſide Coventry, which when Col. *Hambden* and the reſt of the commanders perceived, they divided the army (conſiſting of about 6. or 7000. horſe and foot) into 4. ſquadrons, placing 3. pieces of Ordnance on the right wing, and 3. pieces on the left wing, the Cavaleers with their troops of horſe falling on them very furiouſly, and the other ſide defended themſelves as ſtoutly, but in a very ſhort time (the ordnance of the Parliament forces playing ſo hot on them) ſcaled their Horſe, and put them in ſuch a combuſtion, that ſcarce a man of them knew how to keep their rancks, and being in an exceeding great confuſion, there was ſlaine of the Cavaleers about 80. men, 9. of them being thoſe that guarded the Kings perſon, capt. *Legg* and many others being taken priſoners, alſo two pieces of their Ordnance were taken, with ſome waggons and ammunition; and thus being rooted with the loſſe of very few of the Parliaments ſide,

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they all diſpierced themſelves, and ſo fled for their lives.

And although his Majeſty at the raiſing of his Army from before Coventry gave them 3. dayes Reſpit for the Rendring it up; yet it is thought the Cavaleers will ſcarce come againe to demand it, for as yet it is not certainly known which way they are gone, many of them being lately fled from Warwick, and it is Reported by ſome that come out of thoſe parts, that the Earle of Northampton will fly away before the Parliament Forces come thither, although they are not above ſixe miles from Warwick.

The Sheriffe being Summoned to Raiſe the power of the County to aid and aſſiſt his Majeſty appeared not therein, neither came any of that County in to him. But the Country were exceedingly terrified with fear of the Cavaleers, which Ride about pillaging the Country, and are under no Command; but the Parliament Forces do daily encreaſe, and eſpecially in VVarwickſhire, who are in great hopes ſuddenly to ſuppreſſe the Rage of the Diſturbers of their peace.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons, That this be printed and publiſhed.

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